

St. Luke's Visitor

*But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations. Psalm 33:11*

From The Pastor's Pen

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*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
2 Peter 3:18*

When I have folks who are considering membership, I am honored in the fall and spring to teach the class, **Christianity and Lutheranism: Pastor's New Member Class**. This class has gone by different names over the years – *Inquirer's Class, God Connects, Life's Biggest Questions and God's Comforting Answers*. But I've settled on this title because I think it explains the topic rather nicely. I usually offer the class on Sundays, 2:00-3:30 p.m.



The class lasts about 9 (or 10) weeks. Yes, that's a long time. But I've discovered over the years that to properly cover the topic, we need that time. The topics are: Why Jesus?; The Bible (which includes Apologetics, Bible Stories, and Hermeneutics (or Rules of Interpretation)); The 10 Commandments; The Creed; The Lord's Prayer; The Means of Grace; Baptism; Confession & Absolution and the Office of the Keys; The Lord's Supper; and Eschatology (or End Times). You may have noticed that the six chief parts of the catechism are embedded in this outline.

Do I *demand* that folks have to take this class before becoming a member. I do not. I consider their background and how involved they were in their previous church before they came to us. Maybe we simply need to sit down and discuss the differences between Lutheranism and the church from where they came. But I do encourage them to consider coming to the class. It will certainly do them no harm, and chances are, it will be a blessing to them. That same logic applies to members as well. If you are a longtime member and would like a refresher course, please consider being a part of this class in the fall.

Will you be traveling during the summer months? If so, please keep a couple things in mind.

1. Wherever you are at, please go to church! Our soul continually needs the nutrients of the Gospel. And please bring us back a bulletin. We will publish where you've been under the title, "Traveling Bulletin."
2. Even though you'll be away from St. Luke's, please consider giving your regular generous offerings over the summer. Even though you may be away, we still need to pay the utility bill.

Theology on Tap – We will meet on the third **Tuesday of the month** at **7:30 p.m.** at **Rockin K's** (1880 Kimball Ave., Unit 100, Manhattan, KS 66502).



We are excited about being a part of St. Luke's, and we want others to join us too. Therefore, we will be at

Riley County Fair – July 25-29
Purple Power Play – August 30
Praisefest – September 22

Please plan to take a slot to volunteer at the booth.



Golfers ... and those who play just for fun. There is a Lutheran Laymen's League Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 13. The tournament will be a Best-Ball 4-man Scramble with a shotgun start. Singles and doubles will be paired up to make 4 man teams. The entry fee is \$65.00 per golfer, which includes green fees, golf rental, and lunch. More information can be found in the narthex and on the church website ... or talk to Mark Hatesohl for more information.



PF **Flint Hills Praisefest** is joining forces with **Feed My Starving Children**.

Folks will be packing food on Friday, September 20 (4 sessions) and Saturday, September 21 (2 sessions). Each session is for 2 hours. St. Luke's has committed \$500 to this servant event ... and folks who are willing to fill pack food. Please plan to sign up to pack food on either Friday or Saturday.



Lutheran Women in Mission

Ladies, please be aware that St. Luke's is hosting the LWML Manhattan Zone Fall Event on Saturday, September 21. After the Zone Event, maybe you can head over to Cico Park to enjoy Praisefest.



American Heritage Girls (AHG) & Trail Life USA (TLUSA) (Troops KS -0057) are owned and operated by St. Luke's.



During the school year, the girls meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, and the boys meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.

At each meeting, often times I (pastor) share a devotion with those in attendance. Both troops are ministries of St. Luke's. If you would like to be involved in these troops, please let me know.



Kate McNeal is our AHG Charter Representative, and **Dave McNeal** is our TLUSA Troop Ministry Liaison (TML).

We will have an **Open House on Monday, August 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

2024 Saints Alive After 55

Retreat – "What's Love Got to Do with It" (based on Matthew 22:36-39)
(This event is sponsored by the LCMS Kansas District).

July 21-22, 2024, Christ the King Lutheran Church (111 West Magnolia Road, Salina, KS); KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Cliff Winter; BIBLE STUDY LEADER: Rev. Mark Boxman. Please use the link below to find the registration link and the schedule for the SAA55.

<https://kslcms.org/>



We are boldly and unapologetically pro-life.

St. Luke's is a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). We believe that abortion is contrary to God's Word and "is not a moral option, except as a tragically unavoidable byproduct of medical procedures necessary to prevent the death of another human being, viz., the mother" (1979 Res. 3-02A).



This is a controversial topic in our society. Not many people enjoy controversy, but we are also aware that if we are not permitted to state what we believe, people will not know what we believe. With this in mind, I want to share with you over the next few of months how you might respond to pro-abortion arguments.

When someone says: “Abortion is okay as long as it’s before they’re viable outside the womb,” we could respond:

The official “age of viability” is currently set at 24 weeks (even though babies have survived outside the womb earlier than that – the current record is 21 weeks and 5 days). So what changes between 24 and 23 weeks and 6 days? Once the clock strikes midnight, does the fetus suddenly become a baby? No matter what time you point to during the 9 months of pregnancy, the child will always be a living human being. Arbitrarily drawing a line at a specific age a person needs to reach in order to secure their right to life is dangerous, inconsistent, and unreasonable.

This response is found in a flyer entitled “How to *Defend* Life” published by houstoncoalition.com.

If you can’t join us in worship in *person*, please join us via YouTube.



It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

“Sharing Jesus Christ’s love with those around us.”



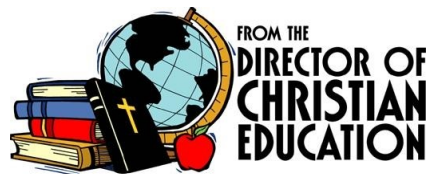
MAY 2024 OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred In
Hallie Wiechman

Profession of Faith
Ethan Willsey

Transfer Out
Larry & Gina Hutchison





VBS, VBS, VBS, Planning, Planning, Pool Party, and MOVE! That sums up my June! What an amazing adventure in ministry!

Thank you to all the leaders, volunteers, and supporters that make VBS possible! It was a great week of investing in the faith lives of families and kids! I encourage everyone to get involved. It is a magical adventure that makes you feel young and lets all of us be a little silly for the sake of the Gospel. This year was a great success!

Next year will be a big year of transition as we see a group of new moms and dads beginning to move into leadership as some of our longtime VBS team begins their move into youth ministry! What an exciting time in the life of St Luke's!

The summer is also a season of planning for the kickoff of fall ministry. Pastor Schmidt and I have been with meeting with outgoing and incoming council members to assist with the transitions. These meetings give us a great opportunity to dream and plan next steps in the ministries of St Lukes.

So far, we have met with our new Outreach & Evangelism chair and our Campus Ministry chair. Out of these meetings have come renewed vision, exciting new plans, and goals for the ministry season ahead.

I have also had a chance to work with the Youth ministry board chair to plan around the 2025 LCMS Gathering in New Orleans, LA. It looks like we will have a large group and this event will be a key transitional event for our older youth families and the new crop of youth families! Our first group gathering is scheduled for August 25th at 6:00pm. Please begin to pray for this amazing endeavor.

The Children's ministry board and I have begun to dream dreams! One of those dreams is creating a program to empower, encourage, and equip parents to teach their kids about Jesus in their homes! We have begun brainstorming and putting some materials together for some of our parents to try out and give us feedback for formal roll out in the future! IF you would like to be part of the "trial group" please reach out to Tiffany Manning at tiffanykaymanning@gmail.com.

We also have the Pool Party this year at the Wamego Public Pool! We have invited **ALL** St Luke's members and friends. In addition, we have invited our brothers and sisters at Christ Lutheran Church and Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. This is going to be a great event!

Finally, this month, Tricia and Spencer will make their permanent move to Kansas! God has been good to us, and our house has finally sold! We will be transitioning in the last week of June with the hope of being settled by the 4th of July! We want to invite **ALL** St. Luke's members to a special fellowship time following the Saturday night service on July 13th and between the Sunday services on July 14th. Tricia and I will be providing cake and ice cream as a big "THANK YOU" to the St. Luke's family that has prayed and encouraged us during this adventurous transition!

Please mark July 13th and 14th on your calendars to worship and celebrate with us!

Grace & Peace,

William Prann, Director of Christian Education



Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
July 6/7		Gavin Hudson	Hunter Fong
July 13/4		Carter Manning	Tucker Lynch
July 20/21		Taryn Thiele	Sarah Oelke
July 27/28		Tessa Thiele	Allie Winter



Children's Ministry Chair: Tiffany Manning
BASIC Sub-chair:
Sunday School Sub-chair: Marilyn Fick
Children's Care Sub-chair: Darci Paull
Family Events Sub-chair: Sarah Larson
VBS Sub-chair: Tracie Hudson

- Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. - Resumes in the Fall
- BASIC - Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. - Resumes in the Fall



Youth Night Leader: Natalie Winter
Youth Events Sub-chair:
Gathering/Fund Raising Sub-chair: Jana Winter

- July 10 - Small Group, 6:00-7:30 PM @ the church
- July 24 - Ziplining Watch for Details



LWML – Lutheran Women in Mission- Serve the Lord With Gladness!

Please join us for our **July Social Event to be held on Tuesday, July 9, at 7:00 p.m., at the church.** We will start the evening enjoying ice cream with all the toppings! Our program that night will be in regard to a \$1.95 million grant that Hailey Bailey, Ph.D. at K-State, was awarded by the National Institutes of Health to fund a series of four studies, over five years, in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Broadly, the studies will examine how prior knowledge and experiences help older adults learn and remember new information. Hope to see you there! Please **call Marilyn Fick at 785-317-0097 for any questions.**



July 4: Duane Campbell
July 5: Ryan Kruse, Bethany Zidek
July 6: Grace Hagenmaier
July 7: Kim Spain
July 8: Angela Kohls, Ryan Williams, Evan Williams
July 10: Logan Redding
July 11: Teresa Lynch
July 12: Scott Stone, Darrin Frey
July 13: Jocelyn Brott, Owen Stuckwisch, Del Ganske
July 14: Donna Myers, Zachary Davis
July 15: Aidan Proctor, Diane Murphy
July 17: Keller Sorell, Heather Fong, Levi Tucker, Garrett Lister, Kristi Hageman
July 19: August Hartsook
July 20: Jakob Hutter, Will Miesner
July 23: Ken Culbertson
July 24: Susan Brunkow
July 28: Donna Smith (Burton)
July 29: Joshua Kohls

July 1: Ryan & Teresa Lynch
July 5: Derek & Jana Winter
July 14: John & Karen Armbrust
July 15: Dan & Diane Murphy, Ken & Carolyn Culbertson
July 18: Garrett & Alyson Lister, Logan & Natalie Winter
July 19: David & Donna Cederberg
July 24: Bill & Terry Wehmueller, Shane & Traci Lohse
July 25: Mac & Alice McLain, Ian & Gretchen Hartsook
July 26: Mark & Deanne Burris, Scott & Tiffany Manning
July 31: Ralph & Linda Simon



Mission of Love had 35 more quilts Blessed on June 15/16 which have been delivered to Orphan Grain Train in Wichita. Our Prayer is for safe delivery to the persons that need them. Once again we Thank all who participate in this Mission whether you donated fabric, sheets, blankets, threads, made tops, helped tie or bound them You are appreciated. Every time we think our stash is getting a little low God Provides! We have once again received a large donation of fabric! If you would like to participate but can't join us on the 2nd Tues morning of each month we can always use help cutting blocks or making tops at home. Dorothy Burtness 785-341-5530

CONNECT GROUPS

Sunday Adult Bible Class, Pastor Schmidt

Lutheran Layman's League, David & Julie Hatesohl, 785-845-8124 or 785-236-0493 or phoebemat@gmail.com.

Table Talk, Sundays at Noon during the school year. Meal for college students here at the church

Women's Bible Study, 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, Diane Mosier, sdmosier_2000@yahoo.com

Card Making, Janet Beach and Ann Williams

Campus Ministry Bible Study, Mondays @ 9:00 PM, during the school year; meets at the Blue House

Men's Bible Breakfast, 7:00 AM Tuesdays, Vista Drive In, Walt Fick, 785-776-0879 or fick.walter@att.net

Mission of Love (working on quilts), 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:00 AM, Dorothy Burtness, 785-341-5530.

Cancer Companions, Jamie Spikes, 785-313-1587; Judy Boye, 785-320-6355

Theology on Tap, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM, Rockin K's, 1880 Kimball Avenue, Manhattan

TRAIL LIFE USA AND AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

St. Luke's owns and operates **KS0057 Troop**, Trail Life and American Heritage Girls. **These groups meet during the school year.** For TLUSA, boys Kindergarten through 12th grade meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

For AHG, girls Kindergarten through 12th grade meet the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month from 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM.

St. Luke's American Heritage Girls/ Trail Life USA Troop News

AHG Troop #0057 needs your prayers! We are seeking two adults to join our troop as Unit Leaders for our 4th-6th grade group for the 24-25 year. This group has grown large enough to split into two groups (Praise God!). Please be in prayer that these individuals will step up and say, "Here am I, send me!"

OPEN HOUSE: AHG/TLUSA will be having a "kick off" open house at the church on Monday, August 26th at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited. There will be opportunities to talk with troop leaders and find out more about the troops and their activities. You can also sign up to join a troop or volunteer to be a unit leader or assistant at this event. Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer unit leader or assistant leader for our troops. **This would be a great opportunity for our college students getting involved with youth!**

Saint Luke's Trail Life USA Troop KS0057 hosted Louisville, KY Troop KY 413, on their way to Colorado by providing overnight camping June 23 and 24.

Manhattan was their halfway point and consisted of four adult leaders and eight Trailsmen. Bill Himbaugh (the Kentucky Troop Master) wanted the church to know how much he appreciated their hospitality.

Kate McNeal, AHG Troop 0057_Charter Representative, katemcneal51@gmail.com

Dave McNeal, TLUSA Troop 0057 Charter Representative, cmcneal100@gmail.com



The Rewards of Godliness

It's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments":

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5–6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Eph. 6:1–3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matt. 19:28–29).

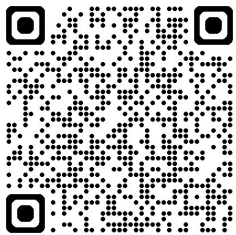
So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



WHEN: September 20-21, 2024

REGISTRATION: Starts July 1, 2024



This is an opportunity for children and adults to hand-pack meals that will be donated to food partners around the world. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

For more information, please visit: <https://give.fmsc.org/campaign/2409-186ea-manhattan-ks-praisefest-global-impact-event/c579615>

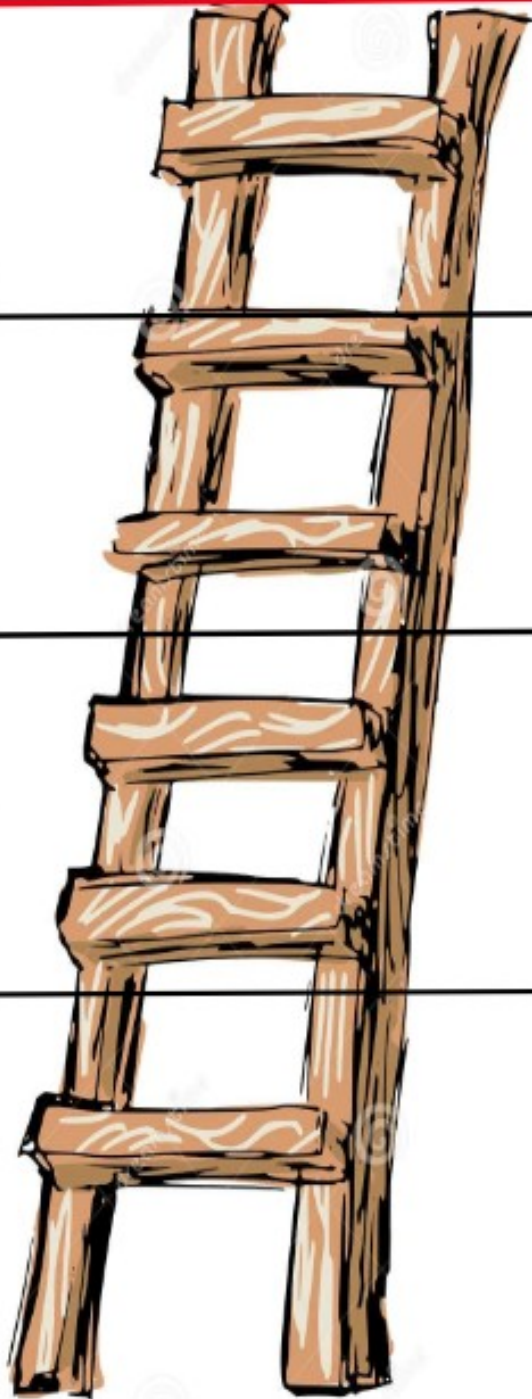


100 Year Celebration

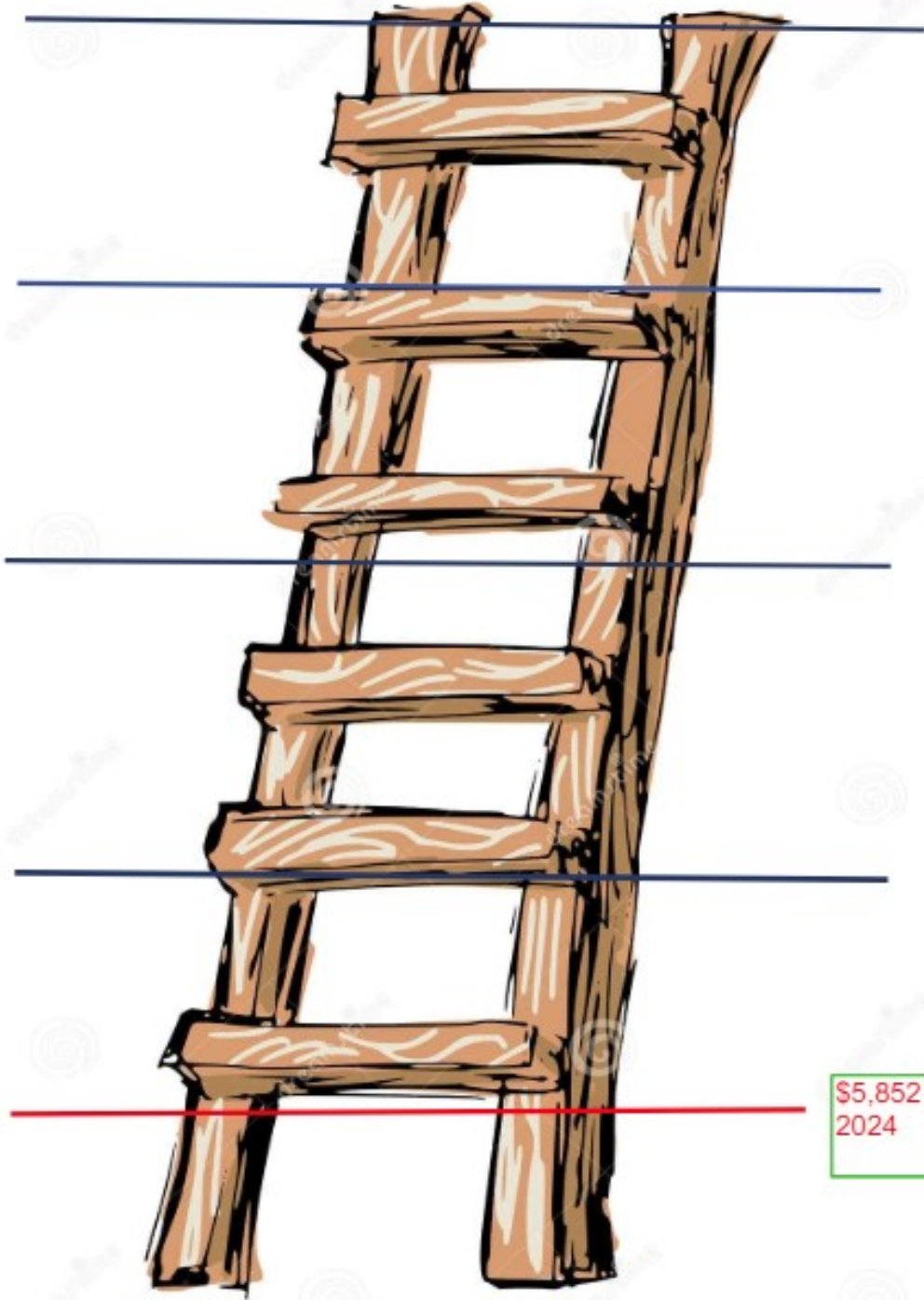
Giving Ladder December 1, 2023 to
November 30, 2024

Mortgage donations

\$99,261 as of May 31,
2024.



Next Phase donations



\$5,852 as of May 31, 2024



TRAVELING BULLETIN

Ruthven United Methodist Church
Carroll & Barbara Hackbart

Trinity Lutheran Church, Colby, KS
Susan Spain & Scott Stone

Mount Hope Lutheran Church, Casper, WY
Jessica Jones

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Alta Vista, KS
Julie Hatesohl

(When you worship at another church, please bring the worship folder and bulletin to the church office with your name on. We will post your name and where you've worshipped, hopefully stimulating conversation of where you've visited. And, our staff will get the chance to see what other churches are doing. Thanks!)